

Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism Assessing Potential CSIS Act 2c Threats

Scenario #1

IDENTIFY

CSIS
Other Government Departments

Pre violent incident (loss of life) /
Disrupted plot
Possible 2c Nexus



... does not include lawful advocacy, protest or
dissent, unless carried on in conjunction with any of
the activities referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d).

Law enforcement
Foreign Partners
Public

ASSESS

MOTIVATION(S)

(Threat actor(s), Grievance(s), Online and/or
In-Real-Life presence)

- Personal (financial, revenge, infamy)
- **Societal change**

MEANS to AFFECT SOCIETAL CHANGE

- **Willingness to kill / inspire others to kill**
- Economic disruption
- Peaceful protest
- No desire to affect societal change

IDEOLOGICAL INFLUENCE

- PPSC (legal opinion)
- In-house analysis
- OGD work
- Collection
- Academics
- Law enforcement
- Politically motivated violent extremism
- Religiously motivated violent extremism

- **Potential foreign influence (2 a/b)**
- YES
- NO

all three required to move on to stage 3 (DECIDE)

DECIDE

2c threat - NO

EXISTING / NEW AUTHORITY
- Existing ongoing collection

NATURE of the THREAT

Scope of similar violence internationally
Does threat of violence / loss of life represent:
- Entire Threat actor(s) or fringes only
Regional / National / International scope
Short / Medium / Long-term impact
Targeted / Indiscriminate violence

THREAT POSED by CANADIANS

- Peripheral supporters
- Active supporters
- Organizers
- Proselytizers
- Violent ideologues

COVERAGE by PARTNERS

Accurate understanding of operational
coverage / strategic knowledge

THREAT POSED by FOREIGN NATIONALS in CANADA

ACT

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT

CONSIDERATIONS

Relative threat
Resources
Best fit / capabilities
Partner requirements: domestic / allied
Risk of action / inaction

WHAT ARE WE DOING? WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOING?

Analysis (IAB/ITAC, DMEX)
Regional Liaison
Regional Operation - Collection
National Investigation - Collection
New investigative authority
Delay

OPERATIONAL DIRECTION

Monitor / Assess / Collect / Advise
Criminal offence - s.83/318/319 etc.
Threat management / Disruption
Multi-agency engagement

RE-EVALUATE
ASSESS and DECIDE

ADVICE TO: GOVERNMENT of CANADA, POLICE of JURISDICTION / LAW ENFORCEMENT, FOREIGN PARTNERS, INDUSTRY

WHAT IS THE SIZE and SCOPE of the THREAT ENVIRONMENT? WHO IS OUR CLIENT? WHAT IS OUR PREFERRED OUTCOME? WHAT IS THE RISK of ACTION/INACTION?



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The purpose of this project is to visually articulate the steps undertaken by CSIS to ascertain whether an identified IMVE threat actor represents a section 2c threat and to decide on what action(s), if any, should be undertaken. This is the first of three placemats and outlines the process followed by CSIS to assess the potential violent threat, if any, posed by a newly identified IMVE threat actor(s).

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- 2(a) espionage or sabotage that is against Canada or is detrimental to the interests of Canada or activities directed toward or in support of such espionage or sabotage,
- 2(b) foreign influenced activities within or relating to Canada that are detrimental to the interests of Canada and are clandestine or deceptive or involve a threat to any person,
- 2(c) activities within or relating to Canada directed toward or in support of the threat or use of acts of serious violence against persons or property for the purpose of achieving a political, religious or ideological objective within Canada or a foreign state, and
- 2(d) activities directed toward undermining by covert unlawful acts, or directed toward or intended ultimately to lead to the destruction or overthrow by violence of, the constitutionally established system of government in Canada

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Ideology can also be seen as a belief structure that people use as a lens through which they perceive the world: the individual processes and systematizes all the information of social and other relevance – including conspiracy theories – to orient themselves in the societal realm and to reduce its complexity. The term is both broad and neutral: there is no requirement that the ideas or belief be inherently violent in and of themselves.

IMVE IDEOLOGICALLY MOTIVATED VIOLENT EXTREMISM

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| - Xenophobic Violence: | Racially motivated violence
Ethno-Nationalist violence |
| - Anti-Authority Violence: | Anti-Government / Law Enforcement violence
Anarchist violence |
| - Gender-Driven Violence: | Violent misogyny (including Intel)
Anti-LGBTQ2+ violence |
| - Other Grievance-Driven and/or Ideologically Motivated Violence | |

THREAT ACTOR(S) include but are not limited to: Individuals, cells, groups, platforms, networks, movements and conspiracy theories.

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